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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

National execution and agency support costs

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system,

Also recalling its decisions 90/26 of 22 June 1990, 91/31 of 25 June 1991 and 92/22 of 26 May 1992 on agency support costs, and its decisions 90/21 of 22 June 1990 and 91/27 of 21 June 1991 on national execution,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report on national execution and agency support costs (DP/1993/22);

2. Welcomes the training that has been carried out on a tripartite basis in the field in the new arrangements for agency support costs and encourages further training efforts to ensure that the new facilities are effectively utilized;

I. EXECUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

3. Welcomes the increased use of national execution in the United Nations Development Programme-assisted programmes and projects in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 47/199, in which it is reiterated that national execution should be the norm for programmes and projects supported by the United Nations system; calls upon recipient countries, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme as requested by the countries concerned, to assess

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carefully national capacities for carrying out execution responsibilities before approval of such programmes and projects; encourages greater use of United Nations specialized agencies in the design, technical appraisal and backstopping of nationally executed projects;

II. AGENCY SUPPORT COSTS

4. Takes note of the status and estimates of the financial provisions for the new support cost arrangements set out in document DP/1993/22;

5. Endorses the proposal of the Administrator contained in paragraph 19 of document DP/1993/22 related to the provisions of Indicative Planning Figure add-on in respect of nationally implemented projects approved before 1 January 1992;

TSS-1

6. Welcomes the progress made in the implementation of the TSS-1 work programme for the 1992-1993 biennium and the initial positive results reported; agrees that the formulation of the 1994-1995 work programme should be carried out in the field and be governed by national priorities and needs; requests the Administrator to submit the 1994-1995 work programme for information to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1994;

TSS-2

7. Urges acceleration of the pace of approvals of TSS-2 funding of United Nations Development Programme-financed projects in accordance with the guidelines established for the use of TSS-2; also urges greater involvement of United Nations specialized agencies, through the use of TSS-2, in the design and formulation of United Nations Development Programme-financed programmes and projects, irrespective of implementation modalities;

8. Invites the Administrator to continue his consultations with the smaller technical agencies on issues specific to them with a view to seeking their full incorporation into the new support cost arrangements;

Monitoring and evaluation

9. Reaffirms that an external independent evaluation of the new arrangements should be carried out during 1994 and the results provided to the Governing Council for review at its forty-first session (1994);

10. Requests the Administrator to hold informal consultations with Member Governments early in 1994, on the implementation and planned evaluation of the new support cost arrangements;

11. Also requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision at its forty-first session (1994).